

Amdt. Dated Feb. 10, 2006

Reply to Office Action of Sept. 6, 2005

[Claim 2] A simplified process for creating a swab wherein:

a swab body frame is made using lengths of inexpensive plastic sticks which are cut down to a prescribed length by a conveyor system, or

a swab body frame is made using rolls of inexpensive plastic material cut down to a prescribed length by a conveyor system, and

a swab body frame is made using an offset metal blade to cut a plastic stick or roll at a prescribed distance along its length to create the swab's body frame, and

an absorbent applicator material is attached to said body frame.